Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 20C

Wedding Anniversary

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord stoops down and hears our cry;
and so we pray with confidence for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For Pope Leo, all bishops, priests, deacons and religious:
that God will bless them with strength, courage, wisdom, and care,
as they endeavour to lead us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, our Shepherd,
despite the many conflicts and divisions which occur along the way.

PAUSE *for silent prayer — at least* ***five*** *seconds, please.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For world leaders:
that our prayers may help them to reach the right decisions
for the benefit of their countries and the wider world.

3. For war-torn countries and their inhabitants,
whether starving or suffering from other forms of persecution:
that action will soon be taken to improve their living conditions.

4. For those who have received their 'A'-level results:
that God will guide them in the decisions they make;
we pray, too, for those awaiting their GCSE results, and for their families.

5. For the sick and those who care for them:
that they may not fear what lies ahead, that they may recover,
and may receive love and comfort during their illnesses.

6. For all who have died,
especially in our own families and who are close to our hearts:
that they now know they are safe and at peace for ever in God's love.

7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary, …

Priest

For those who love you, Lord,
you have prepared blessings which no eye has seen;
fill our hearts with longing for you,
that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed every heart's desire.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parishes of Garstang & Preston, 2025